

105TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 307

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 5, 1997

Ms. FURSE submitted the following resolution; which failed of adoption

RESOLUTION

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

Whereas Loretta Sanchez was issued a certificate of election as the duly elected Member of Congress from the 46th District of California by the Secretary of State of California and was seated by the U.S. House of Representatives on January 7, 1997;

Whereas a Notice of Contest of Election was filed with the Clerk of the House by Mr. Robert Dornan on December 26, 1996;

Whereas the Task Force on the Contested Election in the 46th District of California met on February 26, 1997, in Washington, D.C., on April 19, 1997, in Orange County, California, and on October 24, 1997, in Washington, D.C.;

Whereas the House Oversight Committee is now pursuing a duplicate and dilatory review of materials already in the

committee's possession by the Secretary of State of California;

Whereas the Task Force on the Contested Election in the 46th District of California and the committee have been reviewing these materials and has all the information it needs regarding who voted in the 46th District and all the information it needs to make judgments concerning those votes;

Whereas the Committee on House Oversight has after over nine months of review and investigation failed to present credible evidence to change the outcome of the election of Congresswoman Sanchez and is pursuing never-ending and unsubstantiated areas of review;

Whereas contestant Robert Dornan has not shown or provided credible evidence that the outcome of the election is other than Congresswoman Sanchez' election to the Congress;

Whereas as a Member of Congress whose election in 1994 was won by far smaller a majority than that which Ms. Sanchez won the 46th District race in 1996;

Whereas, as an immigrant myself who proudly became a U.S. citizen in 1972, I believe that this Republican campaign of intimidation sends a message to new citizens that their voting privilege may be subverted;

Whereas we should encourage new voters, not chill their enthusiasm; and

Whereas the Committee on House Oversight should complete its review of this matter and bring this contest to an end:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That unless the Committee on House Over-
2 sight has sooner reported a recommendation for its final
3 disposition, the contest in the 46th District of California
4 is dismissed upon the expiration of November 7, 1997.

